



Project Description

- **Location:** Carroll, Pulaski, and Wythe Counties and the Town of Hillsville, 9th Congressional District
- **Federal Funding:** \$225,300

Little Reed Island Watershed, Virginia

Economic Opportunities

Jobs will be created or saved in the planning and installation of conservation practices in this project. It will generate revenue for small, privately owned local businesses through increased sales of fencing and other farm supplies, equipment parts, and services. When fully completed, the project will provide an estimated \$910,100 in net benefits.

Statewide Perspective

Pastureland covers one-third of the land but contributes three-fourths of the sediment to local streams. The project will protect local water supplies and help maintain the economic viability of small family farms that are the mainstay of this rural area. It will also enhance future economic growth and development by improving fish habitat and recreation opportunities.

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Before work began, this photo shows eroded streambank.



Improvements can be seen after installing fencing and a riparian buffer.



Heavy equipment tire troughs are a cost-effective alternative for livestock water.

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